

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 7 through page 2, line 10 have been amended as follows:

Referring to Figures 11 and 12, a conventional armrest assembly includes a first tube 100, a second tube 200 telescopically inserted in the first tube 100, an X-shaped lock 220 for locking the second tube 200 in position relative to the first tube 100 and an armrest 300 installed on the second tube 200. The first tube 100 includes a base 110 to be secured to a chair (not shown) and many pairs of apertures 160. The second tube 200 includes two upper apertures 211, two lower apertures 212, two opposite apertures 260 and a platform 290 for supporting the armrest 300. The X-shaped lock 220 includes two members 225 each including an aperture 223, an upper tip 221 and a lower tip 222. A spring 240 is compressed between the members 225 near the upper tips 221. Another spring 240 is compressed between the members 225 near the lower tips 222. The X-shaped lock 220 is put in the second tube 200. A pin 270 is inserted into the apertures 223 through the apertures 260 so as to keep the X-shaped lock 220 in the second tube 200. The upper tips 221 are inserted through the upper apertures 211. A button 280 is attached to the upper tip 221 of each member 225. The lower tips 222 can be inserted into one of the pairs of apertures 160 through the lower apertures 211 so as to lock the second tube 200 in position relative to the first tube 100. Via pressing the buttons 280, the upper tips 221 are retreated into the upper apertures 211, i.e., the lower tips 222 are retreated into the lower apertures 212 from the apertures 160 so as to allow movement of the second tube 200 relative to the first tube 100. It is, however, difficult to simultaneously push the buttons 280 since they are located under the armrest 300 and on two opposite sides of the second tube 200. Moreover, the springs 240 eventually become inadequate to keep the lower tips 222 in the apertures 160. If this happens, the lower tips 222 can easily be jerked from the apertures 160 and worn against the second tube 200 without previously pushing the buttons 280 when the armrest 300 is lifted unintentionally.

Page 2, lines 12 and 13 have been amended as follows:

The present invention is therefore intended to obviate or at least alleviate the problems encountered in the prior art.

Page 3, lines 11-13 have been amended as follows:

Other ~~objects~~ objectives, advantages and novel features of the invention will become more apparent from the following detailed description in conjunction with the attached drawings.

Page 5, lines 9-16 have been amended as follows:

The second tube 20 ~~consists of~~ includes two halves 21 each including a flange 22 formed thereon and many recesses 23 defined therein. The recesses 23 of the halves 21 make many pairs of recesses 23. Although made as two separate pieces in the first embodiment, the halves 21 may be merged in other embodiments. The halves 21 are secured in the first tube 10 with the flanges 22 resting on an upper edge of the first tube 10. Each of the halves 21 is secured to the first tube 10 by ~~means of~~ a pin (not shown), for example.

Page 5, lines 22-25 have been amended as follows:

The armrest 50 includes two bearings 52 formed thereon, a first aperture 51 defined therein and a second aperture 53 defined therein. The armrest 50 is secured to the platform 32 by ~~means of~~ two screws (not numbered), for example.

Page 6, lines 15-24 have been amended as follows:

The rod 62 includes an ear 54 formed thereon and two opposite recesses 56 defined therein in order to receive the detents 63. Each recess 56 includes a shallow portion and a deep portion. A pin 58 is driven into the rod 62, exposing two ends. The rod 62 is inserted in the third tube 30 through the aperture 44 of the lever 61 and the second aperture 53 of the armrest 50. Two ends of the pin 58 are put in the recesses 46. A plug 31 is fit in a lower end of the third tube 30. The plug 31 is formed with a rod ~~[[34]]~~ 36. A tensile spring ~~[[58]]~~ 64 includes a lower end hooking the rod ~~[[34]]~~ 36 formed on the plug 31 and an upper end hooking the ear 54 formed on the rod 62.

Page 6, line 26 through page 7, line 5 have been amended as follows:

Referring to Figures 4 and 5, the button 48 is exposed through the first aperture 51 of the armrest 50. The rod 62 is kept in a normal position by ~~means of~~ the spring 64. The

detents 63 are put in the shallow portions of the recesses 56. On the other hand, the detents 63 are put in a related pair of recesses 23. Hence, the third tube 30 is locked in position relative to the second tube 20.

Page 7, lines 7-13 have been amended as follows:

Referring to Figures 6 and 7, the button 48 is pressed into the first aperture 51 of the armrest 50, i.e., the lever 61 is pivoted upwards. The rod 62 is pulled upwards by ~~means of~~ the lever 61. The detents 63 are put in the deep portions of the recesses 56. On the other hand, the detents 63 are removed from the recesses 23. Hence, the third tube 30 can be moved relative to the second tube 20. The armrest 50 and the sleeve 40 are movable together with the third tube 30.

Page 7, lines 15-20 have been amended as follows:

Referring to Figure 8, when the third tube 30 is moved to a desired position, the button 48 is released. The rod 62 is returned to the normal position by ~~means of~~ the spring 64. As mentioned above, the detents 63 are put in the shallow portions of the recesses 56 on one hand and in a related pair of recesses 23 on the other hand. Hence, the third tube 30 is again locked in position relative to the second tube 20.